

NORTH DAKOTA CULTURAL RESOURCES SURVEY

Base Data Form

- 1. County Grand Forks, North Dakota 2. Site Number CK14
- 3. Site Name (s) Dakota Block Downtown Grand Forks, ND
- 4. Type of Resource: A. Archaeological Historical Architectural Paleontological
 B. District Site Building Structure Object
- 5. Map Reference: USGS Quad. Grand Forks, N. Dak-Minn, 7.5' 1963 (photorevs'd 1979)
- 6. Location: 21 South ^{4th} Fourth Street Sec. 3 T 151 N / R 50 W
 Plat: Original Townsite Block 26 Lot S½ Lot 12
 UTMG: A. 14.647180.5309510. B. _____
 C. _____ D. _____
- 7. Access: visible
Location: east side of South Fourth Street
Acreage: less than one acre
Verbal boundary: above city lot roughly 25 X 140 feet
- 8. A. General description of site: the Dakota Block is a three-story, flat-roofed, brick commercial structure. Its south wall abuts the north wall of the original Odd Fellows Block. Its north wall abuts a two-story business building. Its west and east elevations are entirely visible. Set back the width of the sidewalk, the building covers its entire lot. It is of rectangular plan, with the longitudinal axis much greater than the lateral axis. (Cont.)
 B. Condition of site: Excellent
- 9. Owner's name/address: Harold Arnold Pollman Suite 1000, Keystone Park
- 10. Occupant's name/address: 13771 N. Central Expressway
Dallas, Texas 75243
- 11. Historic Register value: Nat. State Untd. None On Reg. In District District
Multiple Resource
- 12. Open to public: Yes No 13. Preservation Underway: Yes No
- 14. Endangered by: Nothing
- 15. Survey Project: Title Hist. and Arch. Survey of G.F., ND Director Norene and Joe
 Other surveys in which included none Roberts
- 16. Recommendations: being nominated to NRHP in MRN: Historic Resources of downtown Grand Forks, North Dakota (Partial Inventory: Historic and ARchitectural Properti
- 17. Environment: Elevation _____ Nearest Water: Type _____
 Name _____ Distance _____ Direction _____
 Soil conditions: _____
 Soil Texture: _____

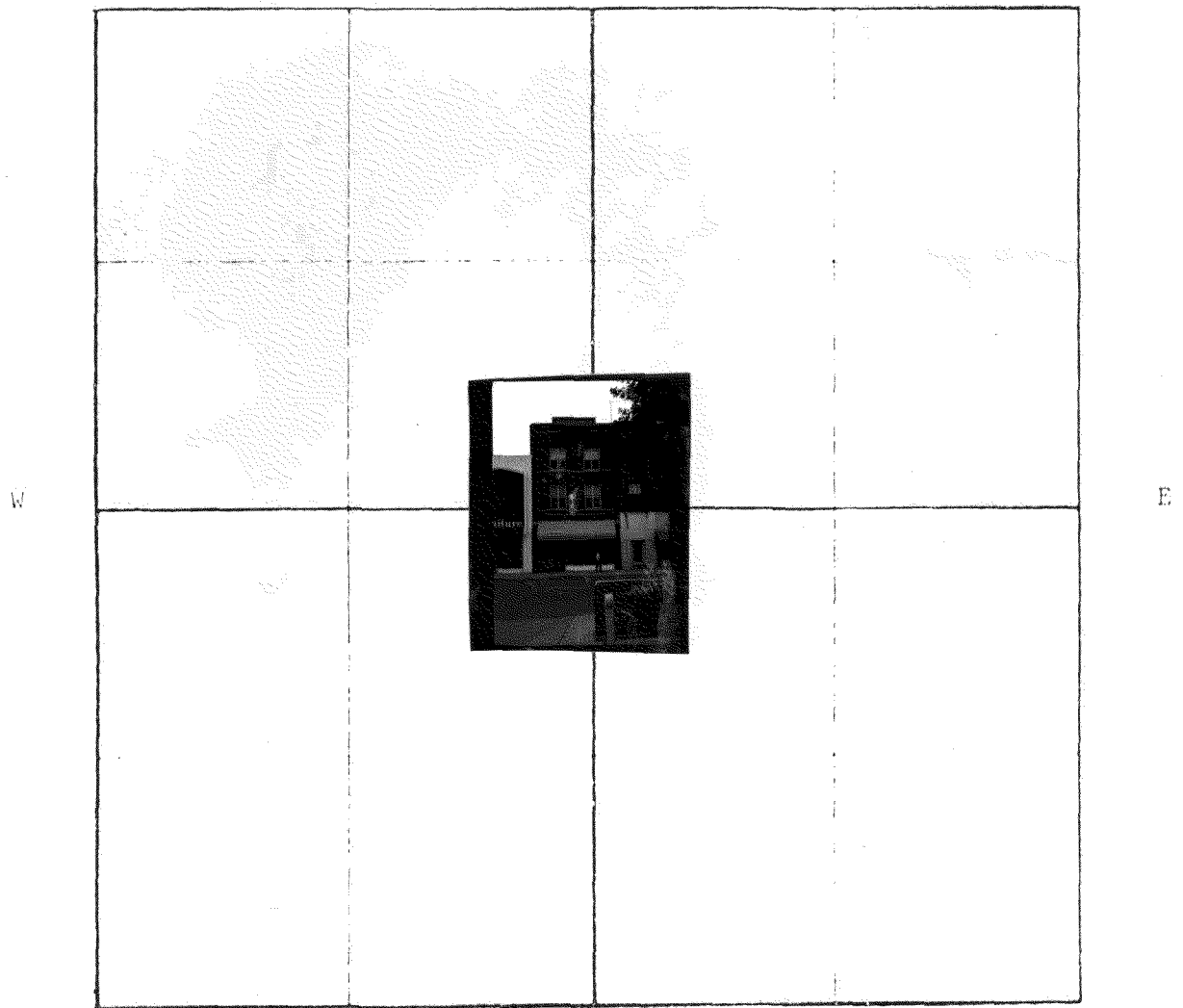
17. Environment, Cont. Site Number CK14
 Ground Cover: _____
 Terrain: _____

18. Local contact person or organization: _____

19. Photos: No B/W X Color Prints Slides Comments/ID code _____
 Contact Print: Roll 3 , Frame 15
8 X 10 Glossies: Roll 52, Frame 26&27, 28
 Negatives stored at: Division of Archaeology and Historic Preservation
State Historical Society of North Dakota
 In space below attach and identify a picture or contact print of the site.

20. Sketch Map of Site: Scale: _____

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27. Thematic category Commerce 28. Date or period 1916
29. Structures: Number standing _____ Number collapsed _____
 Number of foundations only _____ Number of earthworks _____
 Number of basement depressions _____ No structural remains observed _____
30. Architectural/Structural Detail:
- A. Style or design Commercial vernacular
- B. Architect/engineer _____
- C. Contractor/builder _____
- D. Original use Commercial/residential
- E. Present use Commercial (vacant)/ residential
- F. Number of stories 3 G. Basement: Yes No Partial
- H. Foundation Material Brick
- I. Wall Construction Brick
- J. Wall Treatment Brick, stone trim
- K. Roof type and material Flat
- L. Number of bays: Front 2 Side _____ M. Plan shape Rectangular
31. Frontage 25' 32. Distance from road 0
33. Number of outbuildings none 34. Description of outbuildings _____
- _____
- _____

35. Changes

Virtually original condition, except for storefront awning and slight change in storefront infill under awning.

36. Information sources/References

Sanborn Insurance Map, 1927 updated to 1960.

City Assessor's description # 265 (dating this building at 1916)

Grand Forks City Directory, 1928. Polk and Co., p. 324. (showing Dakota Block with six apartments and storefront occupied by Dakota Plumbing and Heating Co.)

37. Reason for significance:

For architectural significance, see Site JR 5 (Electric Const. Co.), Item #37.

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Continuation form

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Item No.

8.A. The west (principal) facade of this commercial vernacular building is composed of one recessed bay. The brickwork is a running bond of hard pressed red Hebron brick with butter jointing.

The first floor has rusticated corner piers springing from granite base blocks and supporting base blocks for corner pilaster strips running to the top of the building. The first floor storefront has been altered with plate glass windows and a yellow, fiberglass awning. The tall storefront windows have been lowered and infilled to accomodate a new suspended ceiling. Corbelled brick and a stone cornice delineate the recessed bay above the first and below the third stories.

The second and third story fenestration is unified by slightly raised, continuous stone sill courses running the entire width of the recessed bay below the second and third story windows. A continuous lintel course of brick laid with vertical stretchers runs the entire width of the recessed bay above the second and third story windows. The front wall is capped with a stone coping with a raised central parapet to hold a name block inscribed "DAKOTA BLOCK."

The rear of the building is common Grand Forks brick. It has a cast iron fire escape.